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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO AUGUST 31, 2001 OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed August 31, 2001. The original period of response to the Office Action is a shortened statutory period of three (3) months from the mailing date of the Office Action. This response is timely filed if filed on or before November 30, 2001. If there are any additional fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge these additional fees (or credit any overpayment) associated with this communication to our Deposit Account No. 13-0019. Please reconsider the application in view of the amendments and remarks presented below. It is respectfully requested that entry of the following Response and Amendment will place the claims in order for Allowance.

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